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What is a long span bridge?

A type of bridge that requires fewer support columns, allowing for longer spacing, or spans, between columns. A vertical support structure above the deck of the bridge is needed to accomplish the longer spans. A variety of vertical structures can be considered for this project, including tied arch, truss, and cable stayed options (see examples on back page).

Why are we considering it?

The long span alternative allows for fewer columns in the Geotechnical Hazard Zones on each side of the river, reducing project risks and costs.

Decisions Regarding Long Span Alternative

Environmental Phase Decisions

Choosing a Preferred Alternative at this stage of the process means deciding on a class of bridge that considers high level variables including:

- Retrofit or replacement
- Alignment
- Width
- Number and approximate location of columns
- Approximate span lengths

Future Phase Decisions

Type Selection Phase Decisions (TS)

- Bridge superstructure type
- Column sizes and locations
- Movable bridge type

Specific to Cable Stayed option:

Tower location

Final Design Phase Decisions (FD)

- Column shape
- Bridge lighting, railings, color and texture

Specific to Tied Arch option:

- Arch height
- Arch rib materials, size, curvature, and shape
- Cross-frame size and shape
- Cable size and pattern

Specific to Cable Stayed option:

- Tower height, size, shape, and materials
- Cable size and pattern

Movable Span Type: variables for consideration



Working with the community and agency professionals, we will develop urban design guidelines and evaluation criteria to help in refining aesthetic features during Type Selection and Final Design.

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Bridge Type Examples

BRIDGE TYPE OPTION: Tied Arch examples







Hastings Bridge, Minnesota

Torikai Ohas Bridge, Japan

Siuslaw River Bridge, Oregon

BRIDGE TYPE OPTION: Cable Stayed examples



Indian River Inlet Bridge, Delaware

BRIDGE TYPE OPTION: Through Truss examples





Copper River Bridge, South



Main Street Bridge, Florida



Triborough (Harlem River) Bridge, New York



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MOVABLE SPAN: Bascule examples



Harbor Bridge, Spain

MOVABLE SPAN: Vertical Lift examples



South Park Bridge, Washington

Teregganu Bridge, Malaysia



Fore River Bridge, Massachusetts



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